

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Assessment Education and Certification Advisory Board  
**CC:** Ruth Sorensen, Property Tax Administrator  
**From:** Grace Willnerd, Education Coordinator  
**Date:** May 23, 2016  
**Re:** County Assessor Survey Results

On May 11, 2016, the Property Assessment Division (Division) sent a survey to all county assessors asking for feedback regarding various aspects of the Division including education topics. The following are the results and the comments obtained from 75 respondents. This is being provided for your review prior to the Advisory Board meeting Wednesday May 25, at 2:00 p.m. being held via conference call.



Comments provided related to education topics:

More scheduled training.

5/18/2016 1:32 PM

provide more educational opportunities, every year there seems to be less and less. Cover topics most people have a question about like, the sales file, wind towers, buildings with living quarters, setting values, interpreting the ratios. It seems as though the education is always over basics and not what most assessors are asking for assistance with. Also would like to see education we could send our staff to. Would like education like what used to be offered by the department. Don't like how we have to ask, and then you send someone out to the county and it is real not very informative, It would be nice to see a lot more education opportunities.

5/12/2016 8:50 AM

I would like to see more online education that we could do on our own time, but have questions answered in a timely manner.

5/11/2016 3:52 PM

We could use more indepth training.

5/20/2016 3:14 PM

Wish there were more educational opportunities to maintain hours needed. Not all offices have enough staff to be able to allow every certificate holder to attend workshops/district meeting to get all the hours needed.

5/19/2016 4:58 PM

You should be commended for helping us with this.

5/19/2016 8:26 AM

Tired of all of us having to travel to everything east of Kearney to go to classes, nothing ever hardly in the western part of the state. Sometimes there are classes in North Platte but never ever are there any in Scottsbluff/Gering.

5/18/2016 4:14 PM

Would like to see some additional IAAO classes

5/18/2016 3:00 PM

Seems like the majority of our IAAO classes are in North Platte - should be closer to the middle of the state or rotate at some point

5/18/2016 1:22 PM

NEED MORE CLASS OFFERINGS

5/18/2016 1:04 PM

We handle our own education as what you present is not at a level we require for our appraisers.

5/17/2016 2:11 PM

The timing of the topics need to be scheduled better. Personal Property should be done prior to it's being done.

5/16/2016 3:48 PM

The IAAO 101 Class needs to be every year

5/16/2016 2:27 PM

The division does not give/get enough info/question/answer time at workshop. Administrator does not spend enough time visiting.

5/16/2016 1:45 PM

Grace is doing a fantastic job getting classes set up and the information out early for planning purposes.

5/16/2016 11:21 AM

I like having short, educational topics at our district meetings.

5/13/2016 3:35 PM

In general it seems to attend courses that most are Grand Island, Kearney or even further out West. This probably makes sense from an attendance / participatoin standpoint keeping it fair to both Easterly or Westerly participants. It would be great, if enough participants signed up, to have a course or two furhter East than Grand Island.

5/12/2016 3:19 PM

I think that most of the topics are appropriate. I am sure that it is hard to satisfy everyone.

5/12/2016 1:59 PM

I especially like the district presentations where my deputy could pick up some hours. I also like the variety of locations.

5/12/2016 11:41 AM

Would like to see more locations. North Platte isn't feasible, it is way to far to drive, and costly due to you usually have to go the night before it starts because of the distance

5/12/2016 8:50 AM

The only drawback is there are frequently not enough registered for a class and it is cancelled. Then one must scramble to find something else to get our continuing education hours.

5/12/2016 8:44 AM

I would like to see more trainings, and local to our area.

5/12/2016 8:32 AM

I would like to see some advance information to go along with the required education, ie IAAO classes would be much better if material was emailed before we attend. A week is too short to absorb all of the information and retain it. I feel studying ahead of time would be helpful for those who want to take the time.

5/11/2016 3:52 PM

Would like a Income Approach class in Kearney!

5/11/2016 12:41 PM

It puzzles me why some of your education is only allowed at certain times. One of your education topics (can't remember which) was only being offered during a certain month - a month later would have been better, but we were told it was only available that month.

5/11/2016 11:48 AM

Topics could be presented at more appropriate times so that they coincide with our actual deadlines.

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At times there is a repetition of topics (workshop/district meetings).

5/11/2016 11:21 AM

the district educational training is a good idea. it adds to our CE hours and i think it's always a good thing to have contact with PAD

5/11/2016 10:53 AM

Need more IAAO classes on a more regular basis

5/11/2016 10:02 AM